

Rendille language

Rendille (also known as **Rendile**, **Randile**) is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken by the Rendille people inhabiting northern Kenya. It is part of the family's Cushitic branch.^[3]

The Ariaal sub-group of the Rendille, who are of mixed Nilotic and Cushitic descent, speak the Nilo-Saharan Samburu language of the Samburu Nilotes near whom they live.^{[3][4]}

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Phonology

Consonants

	Labial	Dental– alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Voiceless plosive		t	c	k	
Voiced plosive	b	d	ɟ	ɡ	
Fricative	f	s		x	h ~ ħ ~ ʔ
Lateral		l			
Trill		r			
Nasal	m	n			
Glide	w		j		

Vowels

Rendille	
Native to	Kenya
Region	Eastern Province
Native speakers	60,000 (2009 census) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cushitic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lowland East<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rendille–Boni<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rendille
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	rel
Glottolog	rend1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/rend1243) ^[2]

	Front	Back
Close	i	u
Near-close	ɪ	ʊ
Close-mid	e	o
Open-mid	ɛ	ɔ
Open	a	ɑ

Notes

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